

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 2006 (BOS Mtg. 1/17/06)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: DHCD Disaster Recovery Grant



As the Board will recall, in May 2005 the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) notified eligible localities that funds would be made available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Fund to assist communities recovering from four disaster incidents. York County was eligible to apply for funds to assist with recovery efforts resulting from damage incurred during Hurricane Isabel. York County applied for the maximum of \$700,000, and has received initial approval of our grant application.

York's application pursues funding for County households who meet the 2005 Disaster Recovery Fund eligibility requirements. Specifically, these are for households which experienced a 50 percent or greater loss in value to the housing unit, and for which other forms of assistance such as insurance or FEMA were insufficient to cover the cost of repairs. In addition to the Individual Assistance request on behalf of 30 eligible households, the County is asking for \$49,500 in Public Facility Funding. These funds will be applied toward repair of the New Quarter Park access road that was damaged in storm-related activities.

Individual applicants will be required to provide the necessary matching funds (10 percent). However, households who qualify for assistance under the local disaster relief program funded with donations, primarily from the Caritas Foundation, will utilize those funds as the match. Local match funds are available for the Public Facility project in the current budget.

State and Federal Disaster Recovery grant regulations require the submission of various forms and assurances in order for York County to proceed with requesting and receiving funds. These are standard and have been submitted by County staff on numerous occasions in the past when the County has successfully competed for CDBG funds. Attached proposed Resolution R06-5 authorizes the County Administrator to file the required understandings and assurances, and to provide such additional information as may be required by DHCD. The resolution also accepts and appropriates any subsequent funding offer and authorizes the County Administrator to take all actions necessary to implement a grant.

Recommendation

As the Board is aware, a number of households continue to struggle with recovery from the devastating effects of Hurricane Isabel. The 2005 DHCD Disaster Recovery grant represents an opportunity to draw down funding to assist in those recovery efforts. I recommend the Board approve proposed Resolution R06-5 authorizing the County Administrator to move forward with the necessary actions as outlined above.

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Attachment

- Proposed Resolution R06-5